

SHORT STORIES PARAGRAPH ASSIGNMENT

Now that we have finished reading three short stories, you are going to write a paragraph about one of them.

Select one of the questions below to guide your response:

1. "Flowers and Freckle Cream" → How does the tiger lily help the narrator to feel better about herself?
2. "On the Sidewalk Bleeding" → Did Freddie and Angela do the right thing by leaving Andy in the alley?
3. "Thank-You Ma'am" → Think about Mrs. Jones' reasons for reacting to Roger's attempted theft in the way that she does. Does she succeed in what she is trying to accomplish with Roger?

The paragraph must be between 1-1.5 pages in length, typed in 12-point Times New Roman font and double spaced.

In order to make it easier for you to write your paragraph in the proper format, you will complete a Paragraph Outline. This will be handed in with your paragraph and evaluated.

Your Paragraph Outline and typed, good copy of your paragraph are due (attached to a rubric), at the start of class on _____.

You might want to review the comments from your teacher on your Sammy Sosa Paragraph that was returned to you a few weeks ago to ensure you don't make the same mistakes again.

Make use of your time in class to work on this assignment. Remember that your teacher is available to help you organize your argument and proofread a draft. Don't wait until the last minute to do this – the sooner you ask for help the better!

Name: _____ Date: _____

The following rubric will be used to evaluate your work:

| CRITERIA | LEVEL R (0-4 MARKS) | LEVEL 1 (5 MARKS) | LEVEL 2 (6 MARKS) | LEVEL 3 (7 MARKS) | LEVEL 4 (8-10 MARKS) |
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| <u>Outline →</u> Use the stages of the writing process | Outline is not submitted, is submitted but is partially complete, or does not contain a topic sentence, points and/or text examples which will not help to support a successful argument | Outline contains a topic sentence which does not respond to one of the assigned questions, and points and text examples which will not help to support a successful argument | Outline contains a topic sentence which somewhat responds to one of the assigned questions, and points and text examples which may help to support this argument | Outline contains a topic sentence which responds to one of the assigned questions, and points and text examples which will help to support this argument | Outline contains a well-developed topic sentence which responds to one of the assigned questions thoroughly, and points and text examples which will help to support this argument |
| <u>Good Copy →</u> Use a variety of reading strategies throughout the reading process to extract meaning from texts | Paragraph is not submitted, is submitted but is partially complete, or is submitted but does not respond to the question with a topic sentence and use examples from the text as support | Paragraph vaguely responds to the question with a very loose topic sentence and uses few examples from the text to support it | Paragraph somewhat responds to the question with a loose topic sentence and uses some examples from the text to support it | Paragraph responds to the question with a developed topic sentence and uses several examples from the text to support it | Paragraph fully responds to the question with a well-developed topic sentence and uses several tight examples from the text to support it |
| <u>Good Copy →</u> Use correctly the conventions of written English appropriate for this level, including grammar, usage, spelling, and punctuation | Paragraph is not submitted, is submitted but is partially complete, or is submitted but does not meet any of the requirements in formatting and/or length, and contains several spelling and/or grammatical errors | Paragraph is submitted and contains few of the formatting requirements, is not the required length, and/or contains several spelling and/or grammatical errors | Paragraph is submitted and contains some of the formatting requirements, is almost the required length, and/or contains several spelling and/or grammatical errors | Paragraph is submitted and is in the required format, of the required length, and/or contains few spelling and grammatical errors | Paragraph is submitted and is in the required format, of the required length, and is virtually free of spelling and grammatical errors |

Total: _____/30